

Notice of Abandonment

Application No.

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Examiner

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This application is abandoned in view of

- 1 ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 20 February 2009.
- (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance, (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee), or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.)
- (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
- (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
- 2 ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
- (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
- 3 ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
- (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
- 4 ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- 5 ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- 6 ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- 7 ☐ The reason(s) below:

The final rejection mailed on 20 February 2009 was returned to the Office as undeliverable. According to the attached article from Law.com, the atty. firm of record, Morgan & Finnegan, LLP, "dissolved in February" and filed for bankruptcy in March. The telephone numbers of record with the Office do not answer or clearly have been re-assigned to other subscribers, including those of the last atty., Suncho Hong.

Attach: PTO-892 and one NPL item

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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.